

LAVENDER IS LYNCHED.

NEGRO WHO ATTEMPTED AN ASSAULT ON

On Little Alice Perry—The Mob Overpowered the Police—The Victim Confesses His Crime—Virginia Affairs.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Will Lavender, a negro twenty years old, was taken from the police about 1:30 o'clock this morning and strung up to a tree.

Lavender made an attempt Monday night to criminally assault a young white girl named Alice Perry, but was frightened off before he accomplished his design, an account of which The Times printed. Yesterday he was captured near the city by the girl's aunt, and taken to the station-house. A mob soon gathered and threats of lynching were freely indulged in. It was reported that Lavender was to be taken away on one of the trains leaving for the city in the evening, and that he was closely watched, but he was not removed. About dark a mob numbering over 100 men gathered and prepared to take him out of the station-house. In the meantime the police had let him out of the back window of a room and hurried him off to a place of safety. When the mob learned that he had been removed they refused to believe it and went to the station-house. Mayor Evans refused to let them in and tried to pacify the crowd. He said that the man had been removed.

The men demanded admission and one of them told the man he did not let them in. Finally a mob of about 100 men, finally a few were allowed to go through the station house and they reported to the crowd that the man had been removed. Then commenced a wild search for the villain. Every road leading out of the city was guarded and a number of policemen's homes visited. Finally Lavender was found in officer Talley's house guarded by three policemen. They made a gallant fight to save the prisoner, but were outnumbered. Lavender was taken to the river and a rope thrown over the limb of a tree.

He was denied all knowledge of the crime and claimed he was not the man. He was pulled up once and then let down. When he confessed to this crime and also to several others. He was then strung up and allowed to swing. After daylight over 1,000 people visited the scene, and relic-hunters cut the rope until the body fell to the ground.

This is the first execution that has ever occurred in Roanoke. The mob was orderly but determined.

In this instance court this forenoon a special grand jury was summoned to investigate the matter. It will meet Thursday, but the probabilities are that no indictments will be found.

Discharged as Innocent.

CHAMBERSVILLE, Va., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Tucker Gilson, charged with Wednesday at Roanoke with attempting to wreck a passenger train, was examined by officers of the Richmond and Northern railroad yesterday. He was immediately released and told to return to his place as track walker for the company.

A deep interest is felt in the bill now in a committee of the United States Senate appropriating \$30,000 for the erection of a public building here. A meeting of leading citizens was held yesterday, with a view to business like work in behalf of the bill. They desire to interest Congress in the matter. Messrs. D. Harmon, J. A. Massie and Mr. Kaufman were appointed a committee to draft resolutions, and Messrs. Front, Baker and G. R. R. Michie were directed to prepare for a mass meeting. This meeting will be held Monday night. The business of the Chamber of Commerce has increased very rapidly. In 1885 the money order business amounted to \$20,465.38; in 1891 to \$75,035.94. Other receipts for 1891 were \$6,797.97, for 1892 \$12,149.40.

The committee of the council on the revision of the city charter reported in favor of amendments which will give the mayor the right to suspend and the council to remove policemen and other city officers for cause and which will authorize the city to build a system of sewers, &c.

The circuit court adjourned yesterday. The case of General Ford against the county for damages resulting from the burning of a farm of the General's while the county was using it, was decided in favor of the defendant.

Mr. A. N. Douglas has sold his farm near the city to Mr. J. A. Snell, of Cambridge, Wis., for \$5,000.

Students are leaving to-day and more will leave to-morrow to attend the meeting in Richmond of the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Dr. Babcock, of the Free Memorial church, Baltimore, lectured on temperance at the University last night. He had a good audience. His lecture is the first of a series to be delivered under the auspices of the Temperance Union.

Mrs. W. D. Bailey, of Washington, D. C., was called to Charlottesville yesterday on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. A. N. Douglas.

The Rev. H. B. Lee, of the Episcopal church, attended a family reunion at Shepherdstown this week. The reunion was held on the anniversary of the birth of his mother.

Valentine Assault Case.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—The entertainment given at the Academy of Music tonight was a great success.

The jury in the Malbone case last night, at 11:55, informed the Corporation that they could not agree and were discharged. No case ever tried in this community ever attracted more attention. Ryland J. Malbone, the prisoner, is a young merchant of Norfolk. He is charged by Miss Eva Butt with committing a felonious assault upon the 17th day of April, 1891, when the prisoner denied, alleging consent.

The Commonwealth was represented by Commonwealth's attorney J. H. Wilcox and Judge John Wertz, the defense by A. P. Thorne and W. H. White, all prominent lawyers. The jury is said to stand up for the law and six for hanging. The prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000.

One of the backers of Spotted Horse, the Norfolk pugilist, was seen this morning by The Times correspondent. He said that he had been told by the pugilist about the fight with the Indian. He said that Mr. Leighton would not make a proper offer, and in his opinion Leighton did not want to fight. He proposed to fight for \$250, the winner to have the gate receipts and the purse, except the \$250, which would be given to the loser. That Portsmouth sporting men wanted more money placed upon the contest and would not let their champion fight for less than \$500 or \$1,000. The place named by Leighton, Jamestown, would not be satisfactory, as it was a small town. He said that there is no trouble about pugilistic fights here and that Norfolk is the place and Spotted Horse is open to propositions from any one hundred and thirty-eight pound man in the State.

Methodists of this city have under consideration a proposition to establish headquarters for missionary work on Church street between Main and Union streets. This is the most respectable part of Norfolk.

A CHILDREN'S FANCY BALL.

A happy crowd of merry-makers enjoyed themselves at Colonel Cowardin's.

One of the most beautiful social events that has taken place in Richmond this season occurred at Colonel C. O. Cowardin's residence, No. 107 east Franklin street, yesterday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 10 o'clock. It was a fancy ball, tendered by Masters James and Charlie and little Miss Aileen Cowardin, and the occasion was replete with pleasure to the great throng of merry-makers who attended. The picture presented was a lovely one. The rich and unique costumes of the guests made a scene seldom seen. A charming collation enhanced the pleasure for the little ones, and a "great big policeman" and a "huge Central Park elephant" was the occasion of much merriment and happy childish laughter.

Among those present were:

Master Walter Russell Bowie, Jr., represented a page at the court of Chaucer. His costume consisted of yellow satin pants, a long-sleeved shirt, a white collar, and a white waistcoat. He was dressed in a white and gold costume, and the whole was a scene seldom seen. A charming collation enhanced the pleasure for the little ones, and a "great big policeman" and a "huge Central Park elephant" was the occasion of much merriment and happy childish laughter.

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he Sheriff, in a full white blouse of cashmere, deep blue collar, trimmed with silver braid, cuffs of blue and silver, and pants of blue and silver, with bands of blue and silver, and a comb tied at his side with blue ribbon.

Miss Mary Cook Branch, aged four, appeared in a white dress of silver tissue, with crown and wings of silver, and silver sandals—a very becoming and attractive costume.

Miss Octavia Crenshaw, winter, white ermine and diamond dress, with a handsome costume of the sixteenth century.

Master Pleasant Conquest, little Beau Branch, white satin, yellow ribbons, and diamond ornaments.

Miss Elizabeth Davenport, an "angel" was beautifully dressed in white satin with a crown and wings of silver, and silver sandals—a very becoming and attractive costume.

Miss Rose Davenport, "Music," blue satin with musical instruments painted on the skirts and diamond ornaments.

Master Douglas Elyson, "Sir James Douglas," was dressed in a full Highland costume, with a crown and wings of silver, and silver sandals—a very becoming and attractive costume.

Miss Bessie Elyson, "Frances," blue and white dress, with a crown and wings of silver, and silver sandals—a very becoming and attractive costume.

Master Gordon Elyson, "Neonathan Fisher," blue and white dress, with a crown and wings of silver, and silver sandals—a very becoming and attractive costume.

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ALLIANCE COMPROMISE

IN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION.

John Boyd, the Boston-Bridge Train Wreck.

Indicted—A Blizzard Prevailing at Raleigh—North State Affairs.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—It was ascertained to-day that as a result of the consultation of prominent Alliance men, which has been going on here all this week, a compromise has been reached between the third party Alliance candidate and the straight Democratic Alliance men with regard to the gubernatorial nomination, which has heretofore been a vexed question.

The conditions of the agreement are that neither a third party man nor non-Alliance man shall receive the nomination for Governor, but an Alliance man who does not favor the third party.

This compromise was the result of a conference held last night between several of the leading Democrats and the Alliance leaders. It is said to be a concession on the part of the third party men. It is reported to have leaked out during the consultation which has been going on that the Alliance membership has decreased from 110,000 in the State to 75,000, and the subscription list of the Progressive Farmer, the State organ of the Alliance, has dropped from 15,000 to 10,000. This is attributed to the prescriptive policy and outspoken third party utterances of that paper.

Governor Holt returned from Greensboro to-day, where he attended the funeral of ex-Governor Scales.

The Governor this evening offered a reward of \$200 for a white man named Robert Askey, who is wanted for the murder of Charles Hardin in Hertie county.

A blizzard has been prevailing here during the afternoon. The cold is the most extreme yet known in Raleigh, and the wind is blowing from the north.

Mayor Rader has been called upon to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Raleigh to take some action toward donating a handsome present to the United States cruiser Raleigh, which is to be launched shortly.

A brilliant social event this evening was a tea given by Colonel and Mrs. Thomas S. Kenna at their residence complimentary to their niece, Miss Bessie Dorich, of Mississippi, and Miss Mary, Lily and Jessie Kenna, of Wilmington. The young ladies were assisted in receiving by Misses Traylor, Daniel and Cumming, of Wilmington, and Miss Dorich of Goldsboro.

The condition of Mrs. Sanderlin, wife of State Auditor Sanderlin, who has been quite ill with pneumonia for several days, is pronounced critical to-day, and grave fears are entertained concerning her.

The grand jury of Mecklenburg county to-day found a true bill against John Boyd, the negro who is in jail at Charlotte under various charges, one of which is the wrecking of the train at Boston's bridge, near Statesville.

A large vessel, J. S. D. Sails, of Goldsboro, was burned to a cinder by a fire which was very high and the fire did its work swiftly. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

A Cutting Affair.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—News reaches here of a bloody fight in Lenoir county, in which a man named William May, a member of the State militia, was killed.

Amos and William Hamley, after making a large amount of whiskey, got into a row and the latter came out of the fray with ten knife wounds in his body, the most serious of which were under the armpits. He is now in the hospital at the State hospital.

There now appears a prospect of an early equipment of the railroads of North Carolina. The road was graded some time ago, but the question is now being investigated by the railroad commissioners. Parties stand ready to lay the ties and put on the rolling stock as soon as the charter question is decided.

Captain John Peoples, a prominent citizen of Davidson county, sustained a painful if not a fatal injury, yesterday, while returning home in a buggy his horse took fright and dashed off. The lines broke and the result was the injury was sustained.

Peoples was found severely injured, lying in the front of the buggy, which had been overturned. He was unconscious and is now at his home in a critical condition.

The Barringer gold mine in Rowan county is now under the management of C. F. Barnes, of Cleveland, Ohio, and is proving more valuable than that of the same name in North Carolina. The mine has just been taken out, which was covered all over with gold. There is talk of the mining men of the State buying it with a view of sending it to the World's Fair.

The case of Crane against Roane is attracting little attention in the superior court at Monroe. It is the superior court of Roane county, and the case is being argued by Crane and Roane.

There is only one candidate to come up for trial at the March term of Davidson Superior Court. That of John Hall, who is charged with the murder of his brother, Frank Cross, at Farmington last December.

The Democratic primary election held in Winston yesterday resulted in the nomination of the following named gentlemen for board of aldermen: First ward, E. H. Wilson, T. W. Jones and G. P. Webb; Second ward, Col. J. W. Absalom, D. H. King and J. H. Pierce. Mr. King is a native of Richmond, and one of Winston's progressive and successful young business men.

Skipped With the Funds.

WINSTON, N. C., Feb. 12.—[Special.]—The little town of Madison was greatly stirred up to-day, and the cause of it all was that Charles Seagle, the dutiful young agent of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroads at that place, is missing. He is the agent of the Southern Express Company. He was here in the morning, and he is not here now. The suddenness of his departure might not have occasioned so much talk if he had left the funds of his employers behind.

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